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SUBJ: MAZUROV ELECTORAL SPEECH IN LENINGRAD

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. POLITBURO MEMBER K.T. MAZUROV VISITED LENINGRAD JUNE 2-5 FOR CUSTOMARY PRE-ELECTION APPEARANCES IN CONNECTION WITH HIS CANDIDACY AS DEPUTY TO RSFSR SUPREME SOVIET FROM LENINGRAD CITY'S VASIL'YEVSKIY ISLAND ELECTORAL DISTRICT. HIS PRINCIPAL SPEECH BEFORE ASSEMBLED VOTERS CONTAINED MUCH PRAISE FOR LENINGRAD ACHIEVEMENTS ALONG WITH LENGTHY EXPOSITIONS OF SOVIET SUCCESSES, WESTERN WOES, AND CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL SCENE. MAZUROV EXPRESSED CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S CONVICTION THAT LENINGRAD COMMUNISTS, MOBILIZING ALL RESOURCES, WOULD MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO SUCCESSFUL REALIZATION OF FIVE YEAR PLAN (FYP), ETC. HE MADE SEVERAL MENTIONS OF INCREASED MILITARY POWER OF SOVIET UNION. HALF OF MAZUROV'S SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO INTERNATIONAL SCENE AND OBSERVATIONS ON CONTRASTS BETWEEN SOCIALIST AND CAPITALIST SOCIETIES AND IDEOLOGIES. ECONOMIC ILLS OF WEST WERE CONTRASTED WITH SOVIET ACHIEVEMENTS, ALTHOUGH MAZUROV CONCEDED MORE MUST BE DONE TO SATISFY MATERIAL NEEDS OF SOVIET POPULATION IN HIGHER QUALITY AND IMPROVED

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SERVICES. INTERNATIONAL POSITION OF SOCIALIST

COMMUNITY HELD TO BE FIRMER THAT EVER BEFORE. MAZUROV SPOKE HIGHLY OF VICTORY OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLES, CHARACTERIZING END OF AMERICAN AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM AS ONE OF MOST OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOCIALISM, FORCES OF PEACE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. TURN IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS FROM CONFRONTATION TO PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE WAS PRAISED AS ONE OF MOST ESSENTIAL AND SERIOUS EVENTS IN ITS CONSEQUENCES. DETENTE SAID TO HAVE OBJECTIVE AND FIRM BASIS, FURTHERING IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN GENERAL. BUT MAZUROV ALSO NOTED THAT "UNDERSTANDABLY, THERE ARE NOT A FEW DIFFICULTIES IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES," REFERRING TO THOSE IN U.S. WHO STILL WANT TO SPEAK WITH COLD WAR LANGUAGE. FINALLY, MAZUROV HAD SHARP COMMENTS ABOUT NATURE OF IDEOLOGICAL DIVERSIONS AND UNCOMPROMISING STAND OF SOVIET UNION IN IDEOLOGICAL SPHERE. END SUMMARY.

2. POLITBURO MEMBER KIRILL TROFIMOVICH MAZUROV VISITED LENINGRAD JUNE 2-5 IN CONNECTION WITH HIS NOMINATION AS DEPUTY TO RSFSR SUPREME SOVIET FROM LENINGRAD CITY'S VASIL'YEVSKIY ISLAND ELECTORAL DISTRICT. MAZUROV GAVE PRINCIPAL SPEECH BEFORE VOTERS ON JUNE 4. FULL TEXT PRINTED IN JUNE 5 ISSUE OF LENINGRADSKAYA PRAVDA. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN MAZUROV'S SPEECH.

3. MAZUROV SAID AUTHORITY OF SOVIET STATE IN INTERNATIONAL ARENA HAS BECOME STILL HIGHER SINCE LAST PARTY CONGRESS (PC). THANKS TO REALIZATION OF 24TH PC'S PEACE PROGRAM ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION HAS CHANGED, STRENGTHENING CAUSE OF PEACE AND SECURITY OF NATIONS. SOVIET UNION HAS BECOME EVEN RICHER AND STRONGER, TAKING NEW GREAT STEP TOWARD CREATION OF MATERIAL-TECHNICAL BASIS OF COMMUNISM. MAZUROV MADE VARIOUS REFERENCES TO INCREASED MILITARY POWER OF COUNTRY. LENINGRAD WORKERS WERE CREDITED WITH BEING AN AVANT-GARDE OF BUILDERS OF COMMUNISM. MAZUROV SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT CONTEMPORARY LENINGRAD WORKING CLASS WAS CONTINUING GLORIOUS TRADITIONS OF PETERSBURG PROLETARIANS, "DESCRIBED BY LENIN AS AMONG THE BEST, LEADING, MOST CREATIVE, MOST REVOLUTIONARY, MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOLID VANGUARDS OF WORKING CLASS AND ALL WORKERS IN RUSSIA." MAZUROV WENT ON TO PRAISE LENINGRAD APPROACH TO CARRYING OUT NATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, SPECIFICALLY TOUTING LENINGRAD EFFORTS IN SAYANO-SHUSHENSKAYA HYDRO-ELECTIC STATION (REF LENINGRAD 0804). LENINGRAD AND OTHER SOVIET SUCCESSES WERE CONTRASTED WITH DEEP SOCIO-ECONOMIC SHOCKS TAKING PLACE IN CONTEMPORARY CAPITALIST WORLD--WITH DECLINE OF

PRODUCTION AND INFLATION PLACING HEAVY BURDEN ON SHOULDERS OF TOILERS. MAZUROV FOLLOWED THIS WITH CONCESSION OF SOME INADEQUACIES IN SOVIET PRODUCTION, NOTING THAT THERE WAS NOT YET FULL SATISFACTION OF MATERIAL NEEDS OF POPULATION; A NUMBER OF GOODS WAS LACKING AND NOT ALL HAD BEEN DONE TO RAISE QUALITY OF GOODS AND IMPROVE SERVICES. HOWEVER, MAZUROV HAD ALMOST ENTIRELY KIND WORDS FOR LENINGRADERS AND WOUND UP DOMESTIC PORTION OF HIS REMARKS WITH EXPRESSION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONVICTION THAT LENINGRAD WOULD MOBILIZE ALL ITS KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND CREATIVITY TOWARD SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF FYP TASKS.

4. MAZUROV HAD MUCH TO SAY ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE, CREDITING PARTY AND SOVIET GOVERNMENT WITH INTENSIVE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE LARGE-SCALE POSITIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE

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SAID TO BE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF ALL-ROUND BROTHERLY TIES OF SOCIALIST STATES, CONSOLIDATING POSITIONS OF SOCIALISM IN GENERAL; STRENGTHENING COOPERATION WITH MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; DEEPENING INTERNATIONAL DETENTE; AFFIRMING PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE IN RELATIONS WITH CAPITALIST

STATES; DECREASING DANGER OF WAR AND IMPROVING PERSPECTIVES FOR PRESERVATION OF UNIVERSAL PEACE. DECISIVE ROLE IN ALL OF THESE SAID TO BELONG TO SOVIET UNION AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, A COMMUNITY MORE STABLE THAN EVER BEFORE BOTH MILITARILY AND ECONOMICALLY.

5. VIETNAM. MAZUROV CALLED END OF AMERICAN AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM ONE OF MOST OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOCIALISM, FORCES OF PEACE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. MAZUROV GREETED "VICTORY OF VIETNAMESE BROTHERS" AS "WEIGHTY AND CONTRIBUTION TO COMMON STRUGGLE FOR WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY," CREDITING ENORMOUS ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT WHICH VIETNAM RECEIVED FROM SOVIET UNION.

6. DETENTE. MAZUROV PRAISED TURN FROM COLD WAR TO DETENTE. COMPLETION OF CSCE, FORCE REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS, AND GROWTH OF MUTUAL ECONOMIC AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN SOCIALIST AND CAPITALIST STATES RECEIVED FIRST MENTION AS EXAMPLES. RE MIDDLE EAST, MAZUROV SAID THAT "SITUATION IN ME REMAINS SUBJECT OF CONSTANT ATTENTION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF PARTY," MENTIONING AT A STANDARD ASPECTS OF SOVIET LINE.

7. U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. MAZUROV SAID TURN FROM CONFRONTATION TO PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE IN MUTUAL RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND U.S. DURING RECENT YEARS WAS ONE OF MOST ESSENTIAL AND SERIOUS EVENTS IN ITS CONSEQUENCES. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS AS RESULT OF BREZHNEV'S MEETINGS WITH U.S. LEADERS, ADDING THAT "DETENTE POLICY BEING CONDUCTED BY USSR AND U.S., IN OUR OPINION, HAS AN OBJECTIVE AND FIRM FOUNDATION UNDER IT" AND "THAT POLICY FURTHERS IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN GENERAL." BUT MAZUROV ADDED THAT "UNDERSTANDABLY, THERE ARE NOT A FEW DIFFICULTIES IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE U.S." INFLUENTIAL REACTIONARY FORCES IN U.S. DISPLEASED BY TURN IN RELATIONS WERE CHARGED WITH WANTING TO "SPEAK WITH US IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE COLD WAR, AND EVEN INTERFERE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS." MAZUROV SAID ATTEMPTS OF REACTIONARY IMPERIALIST CIRCLES TO FOIST THEIR OWN NOTIONS OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE ON SOVIET UNION WERE VAIN HOPES. MAZUROV WENT ON TO DRAW SOME CAREFUL DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN SOVIET VIEW OF DETENTE AND ITS SUCCESSES AND THOSE WITH OTHER INTERPRETATIONS. IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A DEFENSE OF THE DETENTE POLICY AGAINST THOSE (INTERNALLY?) WHO MIGHT QUESTION

OPPOSITION EXPLOITATION OF DETENTE, MAZUROV SAID
HE WANTED PARTICULARLY TO EMPHASIZE THAT DESPITE
THE CONJECTURES OF ENEMIES OF PEACE, THE POLICY OF
PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AND DETENTE CREATES FAVORABLE
CONDITIONS FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS IN ENTIRE WORLD.
HE GAVE SUCCESSES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA AND AFRICA, AND EVENTS IN GREECE AND PORTUGAL,
AS SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF THIS.

8. PERHAPS WITH ABOVE DEFENSE OF DETENTE IN MIND,
MAZUROV ESSTIALLY WOUND UP WITH LONG PEREGRINATION
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ON EVILS OF BOURGEOIS IDEOLOGY AND ATTEMPTS TO UNDERMINE
SOCIALIST WAYS. HE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT DETENTE
HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IDEOLOGICAL RELAXATION AND
SPECIFICALLY ATTACKED THOSE WHO HOLD THAT SOVIET SOCIETY
MOVING TOWARD A "CONSUMER SOCIETY" A LA THE WEST.
NATURAL STRIVING OF MAN FOR FULLER SATISFACTION OF
MATERIAL NEEDS IN SOVIET UNION, WOULD, MAZUROV SAID, NOT
TURN INTO CRAVING FOR ACQUISITION AND THE "CULT OF
THINGS" IN FORMATION OF COMMUNIST CONSCIOUSNESS.

9. CHINA. MAZUROV TREATED CHINA IN LESS THAT 30
WORDS, BUT MANAGED TO GET IN SOME GOOD WHACKS. HE
CHARGED THAT MAOIST LEADERSHIP OF CHINA HAD CLOSED
RANKS WITH IMPERIALIST REACTION, COMING OUT AGAINST
DETENTE, ATTEMPTING IN ALL POSSIBLE WAYS TO STRENGTHEN
ELEMENTS OF INSTABILITY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,
AND CONDUCTING HOSTILE COURSE IN RELATIONS WITH SOVIET
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